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In Company 1474, Tenth battalion, two Bogota men are receiving their initial naval indoctrination at the United States Naval Training Center at Great Lakes. A Hidalgo man is also at Great Lakes.

Their "boot" training consists of instruction in seamanship, military drill and general naval procedure. During this period a series of aptitude tests will be taken by the recruits to determine whether they will be assigned to a Naval Service School or to immediate active duty at sea.

Their recruit training completed, these men will spend a period of leave at home. They are: Joseph J. Volk, 21, and Lewis E. Green, 19, of Bogota, and Jesse D. Cherry, 19, of Hidalgo.

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Private Raymond A. Swisher writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Swisher of near Newton, stating he had left the United States about June 3 and landed in England in seven days, securing prisoners that were captured during the invasion and bringing them back across to the United States, after a few days stay in England. They were longer on their way back than going over.

He said the people were good to them there and the girls were crazy over the American boys. He added England was all right but to see the old U. S. A. and breathe its air again was better. "I can't tell you where I am, only on the east coast, but just for a short stay. When and where next we don't know."

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Lieutenant and Mrs. William L. Mineo left Friday morning for Miami Beach, Florida, after a leave at Newton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Mineo of Newton, and her home at Mattoon. He will be assigned after his arrival in Florida.

Bill is home after having flown on thirty missions over Germany and occupied Europe as a bombardier.

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Corporal William L. Lobmier writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Lobmier, that he is expecting to be moved soon from the Marshall islands, where he has been recently with an Army Air Forces heavy bomber group, but doesn't know where he will go. He is well and feeling fine.

George Thompson of near Rose Hill was critically ill, Monday.

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Corporal Fred Burton has just returned to Camp Phillips, Kansas, after spending a two weeks' furlough with his wife here. After joining his wife here, they visited his parents and a brother and friends in Hillsboro, his sister and family in Pittsfield, and friends in Springfield.

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Eugene Lang is now at the Coast Guard Training Station at Curtis Bay, Maryland. He has recently been at New Orleans, Louisiana, and before that was stationed at Boston, Massachusetts, and in Maine. He is a grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rauch of Newton.

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Private Leroy Gruenewald of Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, spent the week end with his wife and daughter who is with her parents Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Ross in Newton. He has been at Fort Washington, Maryland.

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Walter Rubsam, a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rubsam of Newton, has enlisted in the Navy at Springfield and has been sent to a training station. A brother, Oscar Rubsam, is in the Army in England.

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Earl Marvin Michl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Michl of Newton, has applied for enlistment in the United States Naval Reserve, as an apprentice seaman, at the local Navy recruiting station.

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Private and Mrs. John T. Reich of Newton are the proud parents of a daughter, born July 14. Private Reich is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

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Aviation Cadet Harlen Seesengood of Newton has passed his tests for pilot training at San Antonio, Texas, and will go to an air field to begin.

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Donald Wayne Woods has been discharged from the United States Navy, after twenty-four days in the service at Great Lakes.